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“...whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.”

1 Corinthians 10:31

Happy summer! The kids are home from school, the temps are warmer, and grandma’s lake has been swam in — it’s officially summertime! For the next few months we have ALL six of our kids home, including our three in college, and this momma couldn’t be happier that we are all under one roof again! It’s been an adjustment figuring out just how much food to buy and prepare for everyone, but besides that I am treasuring all the moments! Watching the kids interact has truly been a joy and the answer to years of prayer begging God that they would actually like each another one day :) One of the beautiful blessings of having our college kids back is that they are able to be a part of the Summer AIA bible studies we host weekly in our home. To look up as we lead the study and see Mikayla, Jackson and Jaydon sitting in the circle among the EMU and UM athletes is beyond encouraging. Colby has also been busy pouring into the lives of the EMU football players this month through weekly bible studies. Having a ministry of “presence” with the team and intentionally reaching out to those with spiritual interest have been strategies for him this summer. His next big adventure is a trip with AIA to Central Asia June 25-July 6 with two EMU students and a young AIA staff woman from Detroit. Please be in prayer for them as they sow seeds for the gospel in this majority Muslim nation. We are so blessed and encouraged to have you along on this journey of faith! Your generous partnership means the world to us. Thank you!

Ultimate Training Camp

This month we sent 3 athletes from Michigan and 3 from Eastern to the AIA Ultimate Training Camp (UTC) in Colorado. The UTC is a one week camp where 250 student athletes from around the country gather to learn how to integrate faith and sport as they tackle topics such as motivation, leadership, attitude, focus and persevering through tough times.

God shows up in powerful ways at UTC and it’s been a joy to connect with our athletes who went and hear about the lessons they learned. On the next page are some of their written testimonies about what they experienced. Enjoy!



Jackie, Macy & Katin ~ all three EMU gymnasts. How wonderful to go through the UTC experience with teammates!



The UM women...Jadyn (track/cc), Bella (swim) & Jessica (bb). Notice the biblical truth written on the shirts in both pictures. This was their focus for the week, providing them a motivation for competition.



"It's almost a week after the UTC and I still don't have the words to fully explain the experience. Coming into camp, God and sports were not something I mixed outside of a quick pregame prayer. Now I understand that in order to play my sport with true joy and freedom, I have to bring God onto the court with me. My identity isn't found in what I do on or off the court. My identity is 100% rooted in Christ alone. What a blessing it is to know that even though I may need to perform as an athlete, I'll never have to perform for God because His love is unconditional! I am so thankful for the opportunities God has given me as an athlete to play at this level, but I know my reason for being here is to glorify God no matter what the outcome. So, so glad I said yes to UTC!" ~Jessica

"Gratitude doesn't even begin to describe my experience at UTC! God humbled my heart, met me where I was at, and was so kind to give me a glimpse of what Heaven will be like one day. The Lord reminded me that I am enough in Him alone. Not because I am perfect or need to be, but because He is. He freed me from the need to strive for approval or to surpass the high expectations I set for myself. In the midst of my own exhaustion, He showed me that any suffering we go through is nothing in comparison to Jesus' sacrifice on the cross. My heart is filled with joy and hope from the 250+ brothers and sisters in Christ that I gained this week!" ~Jadyn



"Thank you Jesus for UTC! Thank you for teaching me more about your character and the freedom you offer. Thank you for the community of people you placed around me. Thank you that you were willing to endure the cross to save me. You are worthy of all praise, honor and glory." ~Macy



Please pray...

...for Jessica, Bella, Jadyen, Katin, Jackie and Macy who attended UTC Colorado. Pray for the truths God taught them to sink deep. Pray God will use them to influence others on their campuses.

...for our Summer AIA bible studies, as well as the studies taking place with EMU football. Pray God would use His Word to transform lives.

...for Colby's trip to Central Asia June 25th-July 6th. Pray for wisdom, safety and good health. Pray the team would be a blessing to those they are serving, and that God would use them to plant seeds for the gospel in many lives.

...for God to grip our hearts with His love and truth and sustain us in ministry!



We took a break from a bible study this month to partner with a local church to pack boxes of food for kids in need. The UM women's swim team represented!

We can never say enough times how grateful we are for you and your partnership in the gospel!

I love it when our kids' sports take us to where our former athletes live! This month Mia and I were in Louisville where Avery (UM) is playing professional soccer and being a light for Christ on her team!

